To: Multi-Family Developments **Notice:** MFD-09-10

From: IHCDA Multi-Family Department
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Re: Building ENERGY STAR New Homes and Incorporating Energy Efficiency and Green Building Practices into HOME-Funded Affordable Housing Guide

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has recently released the *Building ENERGY STAR New Homes and Incorporating Energy Efficiency and Green Building Practices into HOME-Funded Affordable Housing* guide. This guide provides information and program tools to state and local housing agencies and communities to enhance the energy efficiency of HOME-funded affordable housing activities.

Below is a quick synopsis of each chapter of the guide, including lists of helpful exhibits and appendixes.

Chapter 1: ENERGY STAR and Energy Efficiency in Affordable Housing: Benefits to the Environment, Residents, Properties, PJs, and HUD
Explains how and why increasing energy efficiency in affordable housing benefits residents, owners, PJs, and HUD. It also discusses HUD's actions to promote energy efficiency.

Chapter 2: ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes
Describes the ENERGY STAR program with a focus on the ENERGY STAR for New Homes label.

Chapter 3: Incorporating ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes into HOME-Funded Activities
Explains how to incorporate the standards for an ENERGY STAR qualified home into HOME-funded activities at the state or local level.

Chapter 4: Incorporating Energy Efficiency Measures into Moderate Rehabilitation and Other Activities
Explains how to incorporate energy efficiency measures into activities where an ENERGY STAR qualified home is not feasible.

Chapter 5: Incorporating Green Building Practices that Improve Housing Performance
Introduces guidelines and design techniques for green building practices that reduce health risks in buildings and minimize their environmental impact. Also, summarizes the benefits of these building practices, and identifies ways to use them in affordable housing developments.